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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

QUARANTINE PROCLAMATIONS.

[For maritime quarantine regulations with regard to yellow fever, adopted at a conference of the Louisiana, Texas, and Mobile quarantine authorities, held at Galveston, Tex., January 6, 1903, see Public Health Reports, April 3, 1903.]

Proclamation of the quarantine board of Mobile Bay.

OFFICE OF QUARANTINE BOARD OF MOBILE BAY,
Mobile, Ala., April 1, 1903.

In accordance with law, and by virtue of authority vested in me by the quarantine board of Mobile Bay, I, Rhett Goode, president of said board, do hereby declare that from and after sunrise on the 15th day of April, 1903, and until the 1st day of December, 1903, unless sooner revoked, quarantine shall be enforced against all vessels entering Lower Mobile Bay as follows, according to following schedule:

First class.—Vessels and their crews, cargoes, and passengers, which are not included in the classes named below, shall be subject to necessary sanitation and then be given free pratique.

Second class.—Against vessels arriving from suspected ports which, in the judgment of this board, are considered suspicious; such vessels shall be subject to such sanitation, together with their crews, cargoes, and passengers, and shall be detained for such period as this board may from time to time determine.

Third class.—Vessels arriving from ports known to be infected shall be disinfected and detained, together with their crews, cargoes, and passengers, for a period of not less than five days after disinfection.

Fourth class.—Against all vessels and their contents that are infected, or with a history of infection during the present season, and that have not subsequently been subjected to improved modern sanitation; such vessels will be spoken off Mobile bar and ordered by the pilots to Ship Island Quarantine Station.

Fifth class.—Against all vessels and their contents that during the quarantine season have visited ports declared by this board infected, and subsequently arrive in Mobile Bay from foreign or domestic

ports, where no disinfection by the improved process is practiced. Such vessels not having been disinfected, or certificate to that effect not being produced, shall be subjected to complete sanitation, and held for such period as this board may determine.

All vessels arriving from ports known or suspected to be infected with cholera or bubonic plague shall be disinfected and detained for such period as this board may determine.

Vessels engaged in the tropical-fruit trade, where sanitary conditions and health record are satisfactory, may be permitted to pass the quarantine station after inspection under such regulations as this board may from time to time determine, and will be required each trip to present at the quarantine station in Lower Mobile Bay, certificates from sanitary inspectors of the United States Marine-Hospital Service, stationed at said ports, showing satisfactory sanitary condition of ports and contiguous vicinities, as well as similar condition of vessels, cargoes, and crews.

Healthy vessels, not otherwise subject to quarantine, which have touched for coal orders at intertropical islands reported free of infectious diseases, without taking on board at such islands either passengers or freight, may at the discretion of the board be allowed to pass without disinfection or detention, provided they have been more than five days in transit from port of call and left said port between sunrise and sunset of day of arrival thereat.

All vessels, however, entering the bay, except those holding release certificates, must be inspected by the quarantine physician and procure pratique before coming to the city or communicating with other vessels or persons.

Full quarantine restrictions will be imposed on all vessels whose officers attempt deception in regard to any case of sickness, or material capable of carrying infection, or disregard the rules and regulations of the quarantine board of Mobile Bay, and such restrictions will be imposed thereafter on every vessel on which any officer who has previously attempted to practice deception is found in any official capacity.

Any injury to furnishings or effects due to disinfection will not be paid for by the board.

All rules and regulations applying to unloading cargo at this port to be carried out under police supervision and the expense of the same to be paid for by the vessels.

The restrictions herein proclaimed are subject to change, at the option of the quarantine board, to meet particular cases.

Except those required by law to enter the quarantine anchorage, no other person will be allowed within said anchorage or to visit the station unless by special permission of the quarantine physician. Violations of these provisions will be prosecuted in courts of competent jurisdiction.

The following-named persons are the duly authorized officers of the Board:

Dr. Henry Goldthwaite, health and executive officer.

Dr. W. W. Scales, quarantine physician.

Mr. R. B. Owen, secretary and treasurer.

The rules and regulations in force in 1892, except when in conflict with the provisions of this proclamation, remain in full force and effect during 1903.

By order of the quarantine board of Mobile Bay:

RHETT GOODE, M. D., *President*.

Quarantine proclamation for the year 1903, published by the Louisiana State board of health.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Executive Department.

At the request of the board of health of the State of Louisiana, embodied in a resolution adopted by that body at a regular meeting held February 17, 1903, and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I, William Wright Heard, governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, to take effect on and after the 1st day of April, 1903 (all vessels arriving at the mouth of the Mississippi River after 6 o'clock p. m., March 31, to be included).

That all vessels arriving at the several quarantine stations of Louisiana, together with their cargoes, crews, passengers, and baggage, shall be subjected to inspection and sanitation according to the following schedule:

First class.—Vessels which are not included in the following classes shall be subjected to necessary maritime sanitation without detention of either vessels or persons longer than may be necessary to place such vessels in good sanitary condition.

Second class.—Vessels arriving from suspected ports (intertropical, American, and West Indian and Brazilian ports) which, in the absence of satisfactory information to the contrary, are considered suspicious, and other ports which may be decided suspicious by the board of health, shall be subjected to full sanitation at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station, together with detention of the vessel and persons for such length of time as the board of health may determine.

Third class.—Vessels arriving from ports known to be infected shall be subjected to full sanitation at the Mississippi River Quarantine Station and shall be detained for observation, together with their crews, cargoes, and passengers, for such length of time after completion of disinfection as the board of health may determine.

Fourth class.—Vessels, which without regard to ports of departure are infected, that is to say, vessels which have yellow fever, cholera, or other contagious or infectious diseases on board at the time of arri-